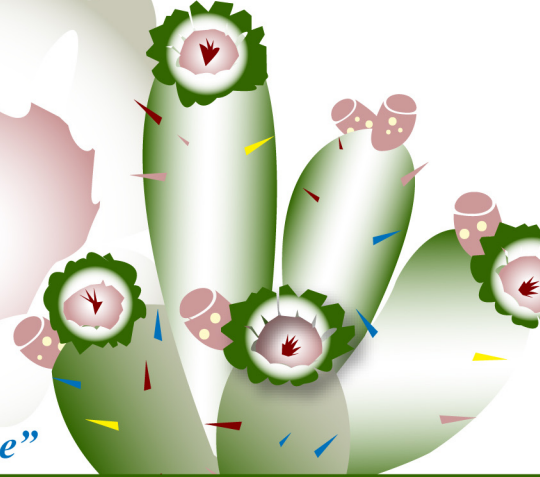




# Cactus Chronicle

*"Glendale –  
Proud to be the home of Luke Air Force Base"*



Councilmember Phil Lieberman, Glendale Arizona

May 23, 2008



**Visual Improvement Program.** Recently, three businesses in the Cactus District received assistance from Glendale's Visual Improvement Program (VIP). VIP is a unique program designed to partially reimburse property owners for making exterior improvements to their retail, commercial, or industrial property.

Top photo: Councilmember Lieberman presents a VIP check to Todd Sergi and Perry Wickens of the retail plaza at 43rd Avenue & Bethany Home Road. The funds went toward landscaping, new signage, the parking lot and a new facade.

Kiss the Cook's Roger Hagerdorn and daughter Nancy also received VIP funds for repair to the restaurant's awnings, the parking lot and a fresh paint job.

Councilmember Lieberman also presented a VIP check to Laszlo Perez, store manager of Target at 43rd and Peoria avenues. The Target project included parking lot, signage and landscaping work.

The VIP is intended to improve the aesthetic nature of properties and to assist in bringing properties up to current building and property code standards. [Click here](#) to learn more about the program.



**Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.** The city of Glendale has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA.)

This award was given for the city's 2007-08 fiscal year budget document. It represents a significant achievement by the organization, reflecting the commitment of elected officials, city manager and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the award, the city had to meet nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well an organization's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving 14,000 government finance professionals throughout North America.



**Summer Youth Drop-In Recreation Program.** Drop-In Recreation is a free, fully supervised, city-wide program where Glendale kids can have some cool summer fun. The program features games, special events, swimming, sports, special guests, arts & crafts, awareness programs and field trips. Children who have completed kindergarten through those entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall may participate. Registration materials may be picked up in advance from the Glendale Parks & Recreation office, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., or parents call fill out the information on the first day their



child attends. For more information and a complete list of locations, [click here](#) and scroll down to “Summer Programs” or call (623) 930-2842.

**Drop-In Recreation sites include:**

**June 2 - July 18 / M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

- O’Neil Recreation Center, 6448 W. Missouri Ave.
- Rose Lane Recreation Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave.
- Glendale Community Center, 5401 W. Ocotillo Rd.

**June 2 - July 17 / M-TH, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

- Smith Magnet Elementary, 6534 N. 63rd Ave.
- Bicentennial North Elementary, 7237 W. Missouri Ave.
- Desert Garden Elementary, 7020 W. Ocotillo Rd.

**June 2 - July 17 / M-TH, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

- Barcelona Middle School, 4432 W. Maryland Ave.

## Around Town

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**Memorial Day.** City of Glendale offices and all three Glendale libraries will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. For information on holiday schedule changes in Sanitation services [click here](#).

**Summer Reading Programs Return May 27.** Glendale Public Library is offering a reading program for every member of the family, from babes in arms to seniors. To find out the dates and times for all the free programs, pick up the summer reading program schedules at any Glendale library. [Read more.](#)

**Jammin’ at the Library.** The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. Everyone is welcome to this free program. Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

**Backyard Stargazing for Everyone.** “Backyard Stargazing” will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 2 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Tony and Carole La Conte will show the public what any novice can see from one’s own backyard. Weather permitting, telescope and binocular viewing will follow the free program. Telescopes will be provided or attendees may bring their own viewing equipment. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

**Film/Discussion Series Highlights Oscar-winning Movies.** Film scholar Jeannie Berg, an instructor at both Glendale and Scottsdale Community Colleges, is back for a third year to lead free viewings and discussions about award-winning films from the 1930s to the present at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. The cinema screenings are at 1 p.m., starting June 7 and continuing on consecutive Saturdays through July 26. The first film in the series, on June 7, will be “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington” (1939). [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-3844 for more information.

**Free CCC-CPR Class.** Learn Continuous Chest Compression CPR on Wednesday, June 18 from 7-9 p.m. at Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Classes are held once a month at various locations throughout Glendale. To reserve a spot or learn more about CCC-CPR, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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